

CELTIC BECOMES A RELIEF SHIP

Goes on Errand of Mercy Instead of Meeting the Returning Battleship Fleet

SAILS FROM NEW YORK FOR MESSINA

Carries a Million and a Half of Rations for Earthquake Sufferers—Red Tape Cut in Shreds on the Ground of Humanity—The U. S. Supply Ship Celtic has in Cargo Food, Clothing, Medicines for 50,000 Persons.

New York, Dec. 31.—The United States supply ship Celtic, which was to have met the returning battleship fleet with holiday cheer, sailed out of New York harbor on an errand of an entirely different mission, but without changing a single item of her cargo...

Happy Idea of Commander Huse. The idea of changing the Celtic into a relief ship came to her commander, Harry McE. Huse, last night. It met with the immediate approval of Rear Admiral Casper E. Goodrich, commander of the navy yard, who promptly communicated with the department at Washington.

Red Tape Thrown to the Winds. Red tape was cut in a jiffy, on the ground of humanity, necessary provisions were looted at the yard, and the Celtic, with Christmas trees still lashed at the mastsides—had been designed to make the Celtic the Christmas ship for the coast—sailed today. Her supplies will not be eaten by American sailors, but by suffering survivors of the Italian disaster.

Always First in Acts of Mercy. In the face of the overwhelming need of the Italians, the department is considering its own men second; how they will be provided with food is something that will be considered later. The navy department takes full responsibility for this sudden gift of supplies belonging to the United States government to the Italians, without warrant of law. It probably is upon contracts for the relief of the "get there" qualities of the American navy. Just as its ships were the first to reach Kingston after the West Indian earthquake disaster, so the American naval flag on the Celtic may be the first to bring actual food supplies to Messina from any country.

Twenty Million Dollars. Sent by Baron De Rothschild for the Earthquake Sufferers. Paris, Dec. 31.—Baron De Rothschild has sent to the Italian ambassador \$20,000,000 for the earthquake sufferers. The directors of the Paris newspapers are agitating a lottery in aid of the victims of the disaster and the minister of finance has suggested the opening of a national subscription for them.

\$25,000 TO RED CROSS SOCIETY. Contributed Yesterday by the United States Steel Corporation. New York, Dec. 31.—The United States Steel Corporation today contributed \$25,000 to the Red Cross society for the Italian earthquake sufferers.

LIPARI ISLANDS DISAPPEAR. Group in the Mediterranean Near the Coast of Sicily. Rome, Dec. 31.—The Vita states that a wireless message from the strait of Messina reports that Lipari Islands, a group of volcanic islands in the Mediterranean, have disappeared. The total population of the group numbers 28,000 and must inevitably have perished.

THE MESSINA HOTEL. Sixty Guests of Hotel France Perished—All at Hotel Trinacria Dead. Rome, Dec. 31.—It has been impossible as yet to ascertain whether there were any Americans at the hotel. The Hotel Trinacria, which collapsed at the first shock and sixty guests were killed. It is asserted that none of these was American. Only one American, a woman, was reported to have been at the hotel.

FATE OF THE AMERICANS. Ambassador Grisco Goes to Messina Today to Investigate. Rome, Dec. 31.—The foreign office has completed arrangements for Lloyd C. Grisco, the American ambassador, to leave Naples tomorrow on board an Italian steamer. He is expected to arrive in Messina today.

LIST OF AMERICANS IN THE EARTHQUAKE ZONE. Made Public Yesterday by the State Department. Washington, Dec. 31.—The state department today published a complete list of persons supposed to have been in the earthquake zone in Italy.

36 Rescue Vessels at Work. Every channel open to the government has been utilized to this end and other nations have been quick to respond. The government has ordered 36 rescue vessels at work.

Thousands Starving and Without Clothing. Most important of all now is the question of living. Thousands of those who escaped the falling walls and the sweep of the tide are starving and without clothes or shelter. There can scarcely long survive their sufferings.

Many Intermittent Shocks. The latest reports received at Rome are that there have been many intermittent shocks after the first, to which the greater part of the destruction is attributed. The British warship, Minotaur, which was in the harbor at Messina last night, was struck by two severe shocks occurred at Messina last night.

Passenger Train Wrecked by Broken Rail. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 31.—A passenger train on the Duluth & Stearns railroad was wrecked by a broken rail near Spring Junction today. Three coaches were thrown down an embankment, several persons are injured, although none is reported killed.

Peak Lunch Room Sold. The Peak lunch room on Franklin square was purchased on Thursday by the owners of the Capital lunch in Hartford and closed pending alterations which will be made before the place is reopened. The new owners are operators of a chain of lunch rooms and will make extensive changes in this place to make it conform with their plan for the future.

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Cabled Paragraphs

Paris, Dec. 31.—A disaffected Corsican named Benetti fired several shots from a revolver this evening in the direction of the windows of the office of Premier Clemenceau, in the minister's completely ruined. This would indicate that the earthquake's havoc was not confined to the coast. What has become of the inhabitants of these villages is not known. Those who were left alive after the destruction of their homes doubtless joined the great army of refugees seeking safety, or have fallen by the wayside.

The Manis, France, Dec. 31.—Wilbur Wright beat all previous aeroplane records here this afternoon with a magnificent flight that lasted for two hours and nine minutes. He covered a distance of 120 miles, but, counting the wide curves, he made over 30 miles. Mr. Wright's feat was the more remarkable because of the intense cold. By the flight of today, Mr. Wright wins the Michelin cup, valued at \$5,000.

GOVERNOR WOODRUFF APPEALS FOR AID. Appealed for aid for the victims of the Sicilian and Calabrian earthquake, Governor Woodruff has issued the following proclamation to the people of Connecticut:

"The terrible consequences of the earthquake in Southern Italy and Sicily a few days ago are so well known to the people of the state that rehearsal is unnecessary. 'Our people, ever quick to respond to every call for help will not forget those sufferers in need now in Italy.'"

"The Red Cross society, which is organized for the purpose of aiding communities in need because of calamity, can and will do everything possible in aid of the sufferers with such funds as are sent to it."

"Those who will early give help will be most needed, and I urge the people of Connecticut to give as liberally as their means permit."

"I would recommend that contributions be made through the American Red Cross society's local agents, who will forward such donations to the state treasurer of Hartford, the state treasurer of the Red Cross society."

SHRINKAGE IN TRANSATLANTIC TRAVEL. Nearly 1,000,000 Persons Less This Year Than Last. New York, Dec. 31.—Passenger travel across the Atlantic in 1908 shows a shrinkage of nearly one million persons, according to figures compiled by the trans-Atlantic steamship companies and given out today. For the first time in many years the outward figures are in excess of the westbound or homing.

The decrease is apparent in every class—first, second and steerage—and the two lowest in the east-bound. The only class showing an increase over the year 1907 was the westbound steerage. In this class the increase in round numbers was 108,000. The greatest decrease of the year was in the third class incoming or westbound steerage, amounting to 862,881. During 1908 the incoming steamer numbers were 129,990, while in 1907 1,264,685 came in.

The decrease in first and second cabin business is noticeable, but the most sensational feature of the trans-Atlantic passenger movement of the year was the outgoing or eastbound traffic. It began during October, 1907, and continued uninterruptedly during 1908. Industrial conditions which have prevailed in the United States during the past year are regarded as the real reason for the unusual exodus.

U. S. MARINES LEAVE CUBA. First Detachment of Army of Pacification Homebound. Havana, Dec. 31.—The first detachment of homebound troops from the American army of pacification, which has been in Cuba since the establishment of the provisional government in October, 1906, sailed this afternoon for the Philadelphia navy yard on board the auxiliary cruiser Prairie. The detachment consisted of 357 marines.

The garrison at Camp Columbia paraded in honor of the departure of the marines, and General Barry, commander of the army of pacification, made an address to the men, congratulating them warmly upon the excellence of the discipline they have maintained during the entire period of American occupation.

CASES WERE CONTINUED. Junk Dealers Presented in City Court, but Matter Went Over Until January 9. In the city court on Thursday morning the cases against the three junk dealers charged with buying stolen goods were continued by City Attorney Hall, but the matter was continued until January 9. Mr. Hall stated that State Attorney Hull will be in the city to assist him. The dealers were represented by Attorney Shields, who stated that this was a new procedure, such as he had not experienced in his long term as a lawyer.

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After giving way to their grief for nearly two hours, the parents of the young woman appeared to grow resigned and the physician and nurse left, feeling that nothing they could do would comfort the couple.

The two then retired to their apartments and getting into bed emptied the contents of three bottles of chloroform on the pillow between them. Two hours later, Prof. James E. Lough of the New York university, who lives in an apartment adjoining those of Professor Gordy, caught the strong odor of chloroform and traced it to the apartment of his friend.

Found Dead Clapsed in Each Other's Arms. After vainly waiting for some answer to his persistent ringing, Professor Lough summoned Dr. Van Santvoord, the Gordy family physician, and the two broke in the door. Making their way to the bedroom of the professor and his wife, they found the couple clasped in each other's arms and both dead.

\$50,000 Fire at Skowhegan, Me. Skowhegan, Me., Dec. 31.—The Gould block, a three-story brick structure on Water street in the business section, was burned tonight. Samuel W. Gould, the owner of the block, conducted a hotel, where he occupied the second and third floors. The loss is \$25,000.

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Feudists are Fully Armed

STATE MILITIA WILL BE DISPATCHED TO SCENE. JACKSON, Ky., Dec. 31.—An outbreak of feud troubles was feared here this afternoon or tonight and Governor Wilson was asked to send troops to stop the trouble and protect the town from the feudists who are gathering. Large numbers of the Callahan and Smith factions are in town. Both factions are heavily armed and a pitched battle is feared.

Two Kentucky Factions Gathering at Jackson—About Sixty-five Men on Each Side with Plenty of Ammunition

The Deaton and Smith leaders, with whom Callahan is at war, arrived at town about the same time the Callahan party did and gathered their friends. There are now about 40 men on each side. The Deatons and Smiths have taken possession of a house, where they are entrenched, and have a wagon load of arms stored there.

Callahan gave bond and will leave for his home tonight unless fighting begins.

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Condensed Telegrams

Prof. Benjamin D. Clarke of Brown University is dead.

Bishop O'Connell Will Likely soon be made auxiliary bishop of San Francisco.

Argentinis is Gradually Becoming the largest exporter of wool to the United States.

Three Men Were Arrested in New York while attempting to pawn the Stars and Stripes.

A Blizzard is Raging over western Canada. Traffic in every direction is at a standstill.

Regulations Governing Physical Tests to be given officers of the navy will soon be issued.

The Irish Party will hold a convention Feb. 15, to work out its future policy on the Irish land bill.

It is Proposed to Issue a Set of special postage stamps to commemorate the celebration of the Lincoln centennial.

The Bolivian Government Has Placed a loan of \$2,500,000 with J. P. Morgan of New York. Many offers to supply this money were made.

The People's Lobby, established in Washington nearly three years ago to keep watch on the actions of public men, is to be reorganized.

It is Believed That the Real Fight against the proposed change in the present tariff law will be made when the bill reaches the senate.

The Last Two Years Have Developed remarkable increases in the money or real estate registry business transacted by rural delivery mail carriers.

The Mormon Church May Make a bid for the building of the new federal building at Nauvoo, Ill., involved by the Fidelity Funding company.

M. Jussierand, French Ambassador, introduced to the president the new military attaché of the French embassy, Captain DeChambren.

The Supreme Court Will Soon Decide whether newspaper publishers may legally accept transportation over railroad routes in return for advertising.

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Every Vestige of Opposition to the Congressman's Nomination Has Disappeared

CHARLES P. TAFT OUT OF THE RACE

Formally Announces His Withdrawal from the Ohio Senatorial Contest—All the Other "Favorite Sons" and "Dark Horses" Have Also Quit the Field—Talk that C. P. Taft May be a Candidate in 1911.

Columbus, O., Dec. 31.—Every vestige of opposition to his nomination for senator during the last twenty-four hours. Representative Theodore E. Burton of Cleveland, a prominent figure in the lower branch of congress for the last twenty years, will be chosen by acclamation for the United States senate to succeed Joseph Foraker at a republican caucus called for Saturday afternoon.

Result of Midnight Conference. After yesterday's midnight conference, C. P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of the present elect, formally announced his withdrawal from the race today. Then Senator Foraker, learning that the delegation from his home county of Hamilton, pledged to Taft, would be for a reelection. Within two hours all of the "favorite sons" and "dark horses" had quit the field and Mr. Burton was left alone.

The Passing of Joseph Benson Foraker. Mr. Taft and Senator Foraker left for Columbus this afternoon on the same train. Today's developments marked the passing from public life of one of the most notable of the older leaders in the senate—Joseph Benson Foraker. Friends of the senator today declared the belief that he would not rehash himself during the next two years as to be a formidable candidate for Senator Dick's seat in 1911, but others among the senate leaders were inclined to interpret Senator Foraker's statement of withdrawal in the nature of a victory.

Taft's Chances in 1911. There was talk today that C. P. Taft might be a candidate in 1911. But Mr. Taft declared that he had no thought of what the future might hold for him and did not desire his friends to strive to make a bargain. If geographical precedent is followed, the next senator to be elected will be from the southern end of the state. This is one of the choices to declare today that the choice of Mr. Burton means the retirement of Senator Dick in 1911, for, like the Cleveland congressman, he hails from the northern tier of counties, his home being at Akron.

RAILWAY BUSINESS IN 1909. The Prospect is for a Healthy, Normal Improvement. Chicago, Dec. 31.—The Railway Journal tomorrow will print letters from the heads of six railway systems in which is shown among other things that only one of them—the Northern Pacific—contemplates extensions during the new year. President Howard Elliott of the Northern Pacific, answering the last of five questions put by the Railway Journal, says: "We have plans for no extensions, but do not care to make them public at the present time."

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SENTIMENT IN THE SOUTH TOWARD A POLITICAL CHANGE. Conference at Taft Cottage—Statement by President-Elect. Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Another conference was held today at the Taft cottage on the best means of taking advantage at the proper time of the real sentiment in the south toward a political change. Charles H. Sherman of the National Business Men's League of New York, who reached here today, was one of the conferees, while Messrs. Taft, Hammond and Hitchcock were the others.

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